

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 61

Introduced by Assembly Member Villines

April 16, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 61—Relative to the Deputy David G. Graves Memorial Freeway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 61, as introduced, Villines. Deputy David G. Graves Memorial Freeway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 41 in Fresno and Madera Counties as the Deputy David G. Graves Memorial Freeway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Deputy David G. Graves of the Fresno County
- 2 Sheriff's Office was killed on November 5, 1982, while in
- 3 performance of his duties to the citizens he was sworn to protect;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, Deputy Graves was a native of Fresno, and a
- 6 graduate of Hoover High School and Fresno City College; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Before entering law enforcement, Deputy Graves
- 8 worked as a general contractor and operated his own construction
- 9 business; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Deputy Graves joined the Fresno County Sheriff's
- 11 Office in 1979, having served as a volunteer in the Sheriff's Search

1 and Rescue Unit for two years prior to becoming a deputy, and
2 was assigned to the patrol division; and

3 WHEREAS, Deputy Graves was a dedicated officer who served
4 his community and loved his profession; and

5 WHEREAS, On November 5, 1982, Deputy Graves was on
6 routine patrol on Shaw Avenue in Fresno west of State Highway
7 Route 99 in a marked patrol vehicle when his vehicle was struck
8 by a pickup truck driven by an intoxicated 28-year-old Clovis man
9 that had run a stop sign, with the collision resulting in severe head
10 injuries to Deputy Graves that led to his death prior to arrival at
11 the Valley Medical Center; and

12 WHEREAS, Deputy Graves is survived by his loving wife
13 Karen, his two daughters Kelly and Christine, his father Gordon
14 Graves, his stepmother Betty Graves, his sister Mary Graves, his
15 brother Steve Graves, and a large extended family; and

16 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to designate a portion of State
17 Highway Route 41 in Fresno and Madera Counties in the honor
18 and memory of Deputy Graves, in order to commemorate his
19 sacrifice and the sacrifices made by California peace officers
20 throughout this state who risk their lives daily to protect citizens'
21 lives; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the portion of State Highway Route 41
24 from Herndon Avenue in the City of Fresno to Avenue 10 in
25 Madera County is hereby designated as the Deputy David G.
26 Graves Memorial Freeway; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
28 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
29 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the
30 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
31 sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
33 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
34 author for appropriate distribution.